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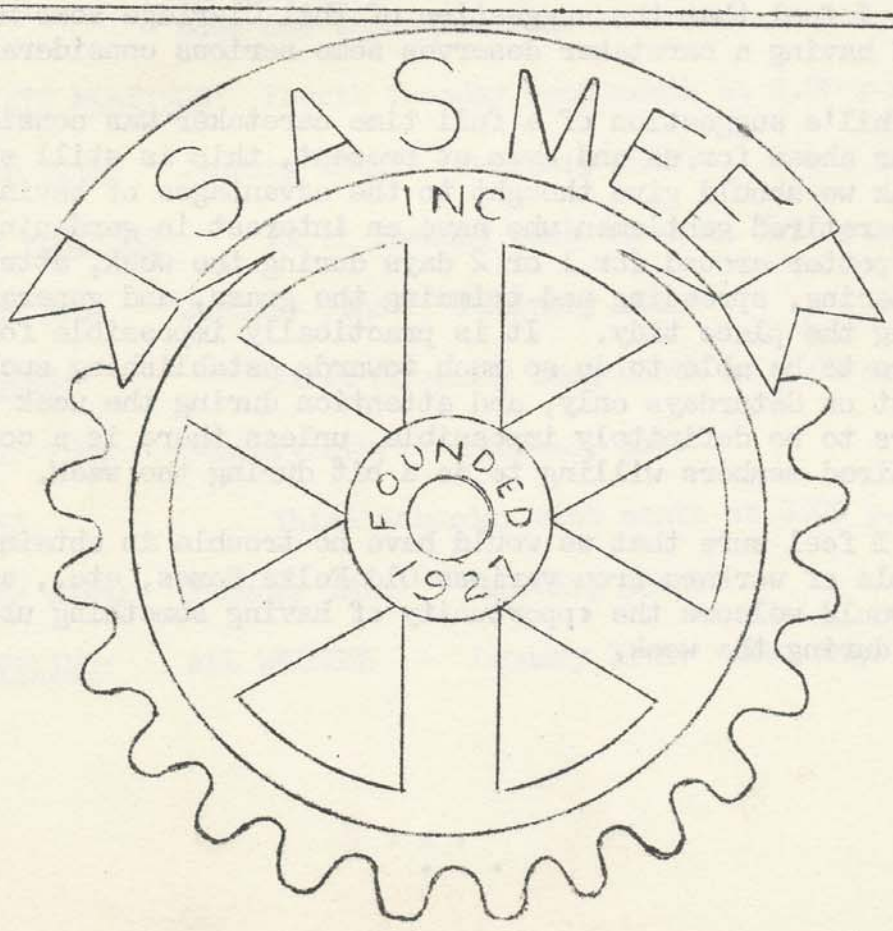

EDITORIAL

1964 .. How near it is. And how much less time we have to complete our program for the EASTER 1965 Opening.

Beautification of our grounds will have to be programmed immediately. Grassing our top block will have to be started to enable the grass to get established. This should then do away with the dreaded job of clearing the long grass, as we are busily engaged in doing at present. Suitable grassing will enable regular mowing and watering, thus clearing the Salvation Jane and other unwanted weeds.

Establishing the grass will necessitate very regular watering and attention, particularly through the week. On this point, I feel that the suggestion of Phil Claridge some months ago of having a caretaker deserves some serious consideration.

Phil's suggestion of a full time caretaker was considered too far ahead for us and even at present, this is still so, but I think we should give thought to the advantages of having one or two retired gentlemen who have an interest in gardening, who could potter around for 1 or 2 days during the week, attending to watering, spreading and trimming the grass, and generally keeping the place tidy. It is practically impossible for members to be able to do so much towards establishing such a project on Saturdays only, and attention during the week appears to be definitely impossible, unless there is a couple of retired members willing to do a bit during the week.

I feel sure that we would have no trouble in obtaining a couple of workers from various Old Folks Homes, etc., and they would welcome the opportunity of having something useful to do during the week.

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QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS: Second Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

December 10th. Member Claude Miller will give us some more hints on Small Tool Making and Miller Methods of Production.

January 14th. Who would think that twelve months have passed so quickly. Yes! It's our Annual Pow-Wow evening.

February 11th. Member Fred Hercus, recently returned from his overseas trip, is favouring us with an insight into world travelling and has some news and wonderful film on overseas clubs.

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS: Fourth Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

December 24th: January 28th: February 25th:

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: First Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m.

December 3rd: January 7th: February 4th:

WORKING BEES: First Saturday each month at 9.00 a.m.

December 7th: January 4th: February 1st:

FIELD DAYS: Third Saturday each month at 2.00 p.m.

December 21st: January 18th: February 15th:

SOCIAL EVENING: ALL WELCOME - January 11th: (See Page 6)

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AMONGST OURSELVES

We had a visitor from the Perth Society Model Engineers last Field Day - Bob Grantham is the enthusiast and he was most impressed with our grounds. Mac Dunkley was showing Bob around and several of us had a worth-while pow-wow with him. We were able to guide him in insurance queries and Phil Claridge came along at the right moment to help him with Inc. details.

Bob has built an experimental 4-6-0 steam loco powered with a Sirius engine. Its superstructure is similar to a diesel shunting loco. Some of you may remember seeing it in the films which were shown by the W.A. boys at Easter. Bob gave us a few details on it and also was keen to have a chat with Bob Smith on the construction of Smithy's 900 class diesel.

I hate to mention it, but after listening in on their yabbering, it seems as if we may have to give way to having an infernal diesel on our tracks, with some surprising performances. We hope so Bob, for your sake. Keep up the good work.

Owing to the irregular attendance of our Safety Committee Members for testing new boilers, it has been decided to increase this Committee.

Therefore: A notice of motion that Mac Dunkley be made an officer of the Safety Committee is tabled by Ken Middleton for the next General Meeting.

Mac Dunkley is a regular attender on most Saturdays, and also is the holder of a steam ticket. He is well known for all his work and has been dubbed "Mr. Model Engineer" because of his wide variety of interests.

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AMONGST OURSELVES (contd)

Last Saturday and the next two are devoted to cleaning up the grounds and reducing the fire risk. This is the duty of all members to do a bit. There are still a lot of members who never come along to do anything towards the upkeep - it is being left to the same few to build and maintain. Remember, we get tired and have responsibilities as well, and also want to build models.

How would You get on if We decided to leave the building to You? It is plain to see that no one would have anywhere to run or show their models. REMEMBER, All for One and One for All - S.A.S.M.E.E.

Our sympathy was extended to member Fred Morcom in his recent bereavement with the passing of his Father.

We recently arranged a social evening at the Sturt Theatre to see that traction engine classic "Reluctant Maiden". 36 of us attended and had a wonderful night's entertainment. Also, with consultation tickets we made a £1 for club funds.

We are pleased to welcome back past member Paul Gristi. Paul was an enthusiastic worker and Minute Secretary for a couple of years but owing to work, had to resign. Now he joins us again with just the same enthusiasm.

It has been decided to bring a little social activity into our club for members wives and families. The first of these will be held on 11th January, 1964 as a social evening barbecue, etc. The men are cooking and entertaining the ladies. The club is providing chops and sausages, etc., and there will be some interesting films. To keep the ladies happy, there will not be any trains, etc.!

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AMONGST OURSELVES (contd)

Remember the date - 11th January, 1964 -

Come along and make it a family night out and get to know each other.

We were pleased to see Fred Hercus back with us at our last meeting. Fred has a lot to catch up on with our progress. He is favouring us with a most interesting talk and films on his recent trip, at our February meeting.

Our water rates for the past year were £6 below last year's, being £24. 6. 0, which is most satisfactory.

We have ordered some more B.A. bolts from Mr. McKellar in Sydney. The sizes ordered are 8BA x $\frac{3}{8}$", 4 BA x $\frac{1}{2}$", 6 BA x $\frac{1}{2}$", 2 BA x $\frac{3}{4}$". All these are priced at 15/- gross. If you require any, please let the Secretary have your order at the next meeting.

SPECIAL ORPHANS DAY - DECEMBER 14TH - 1.30 - 5.00 P.M.

We were approached by B.P. Aust. Ltd. Social Club to assist them in running a charitable day for orphans of various homes as a Xmas treat. It was unanimously decided to assist B.P. as it could be very beneficial to our Society as well as filling our obligation.

We are expected to run our locos and boats, requiring sufficient members to handle the children on and off the trains. All other supervision and issuing ice creams, drinks, etc., will be provided by B.P. Social members.

This is a very worthwhile cause and deserves your support. PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ASSIST.

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NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

WHYALLA

The last letter from Sec. Max Munchenburg tells us that they have now set all the pillars for their track and are confident of having the track finished early 1964. For a membership of 18 or so, they are certainly hopping into the work. They are also building two Springbok 5" gauge Locos.

Max tells us that they have also a couple of boat enthusiasts and that they may be going to build a pond. The problem is water at the moment, but with the duplication of the Morgan - Whyalla Pipe-line, this looks as if it may be solved. Let's hope so, for their sakes.

Perhaps in the New Year we may be able to arrange a visit to them and give the locals a look at what to expect.

SURREY HILLS LIVE STEAMERS.

Stan Millican reports of the wonderful time spent at Vin O'Toole's track on the October week-end. They were delighted to see Morry's traction engine under steam and to have the company of those who made the trip from S.A.S.M.E.E.

WEST RYDE LOCO SOCIETY.

Mr. McKellar says that they are all keeping busy building their 5" G. ground level track. They are also busy building their bridge, and owing to so much rain, have a forest of weeds which is a never ending job cutting them down. But despite this, they think that they will have their track finished next year. He expresses the hope that we are going to have ours ready for Easter 1965 as they are planning on making it a big M.E. Treat.

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